

# Exhibit A

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
Charlotte Division  
Civil Action No. 3:11-cv-00597-FDW-DCK

THE FAIRPOINT  
COMMUNICATIONS, INC. *ET AL.*  
LITIGATION TRUST,

Plaintiff,

vs.

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,  
NYNEX CORPORATION, VERIZON  
NEW ENGLAND, INC., CELLCO  
PARTNERSHIP d/b/a VERIZON  
WIRELESS, AND VERIZON  
WIRELESS OF THE EAST LP,

Defendants.

**DECLARATION OF SUSAN L. SOWELL**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I, Susan L. Sowell, declare under penalty of perjury as follows:

1. I am the Vice President and Assistant General Counsel of FairPoint Communications, Inc. ("FairPoint"). I have personal knowledge of the facts I state herein.
2. I am familiar with the Stipulation Regarding All Remaining Claims Of Verizon Communications Inc. And Its Affiliates ("Stipulation") that FairPoint entered with Verizon on or about March 16, 2012.
3. FairPoint paid a Verizon entity the "Verizon Cash Payment" that is referenced in Paragraph 2 of the Stipulation.
4. FairPoint also delivered to a Verizon entity the Stock Consideration that is referenced in Paragraph 2 of the Stipulation.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the facts stated in this Declaration are true and correct.

Executed on September 10, 2012.

Susan L. Sowell

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